

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

ETSB BOARD ROOM

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MINUTES

Enhanced Literacy and Numeracy – Dropout Prevention – Physical and Mental Health

COMMISSIONERS		PARENT COMMISSIONERS	
Gordon Barnett	Z	Pam Gougeon	Z
Claire Beaubien	Z	Sarah Langlois	A
Sandra Finlay	Z	Eliza McKnight	Z
Richard Gagnon	Z	Jody Murray	Z
Richard Gosselin	A	DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)	
Gary Holliday	A	Secretary General – Shawn Champigny	P
Joy Humenuik, Vice-chair	A	Director General – Kandy Mackey	P
Shawn Jersey	Z	Assistant Director General & Director of Financial Services – Sophie Leduc	Z
Mary-Ellen Kirby	Z	Director of Human Resources – Caroline Dufresne	Z
Jonathan Murray	Z	Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services – Emmanuelle Gaudet	Z
Michael Murray, Chair	Z	Director of Complementary Services – Catherine Canzani	Z
Helene Turgeon	Z	Director of Material Resources – Éric Plante	Z

ZOOM (Z) – MEMBERS PRESENT (P) – MEMBERS ABSENT (A)

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner H. Turgeon to adopt the Agenda of June 23, 2026 as modified, with the following additions:

- 6.1 Director General Evaluation;
- 9.2.2 2026-2027 Committees' Structure;
- 9.4.2 Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) – Policy on Safe and Caring Schools and Centres.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 26, 2026

Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-62

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on May 26, 2026

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2026 has been given to each Commissioner at least 6 hours before the opening of the meeting, the Secretary General is excused from reading the Minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett to excuse the Secretary General from reading the Minutes and to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 26, 2026 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray invited the following Commissioners to present the June 23, 2026 Recognition of Excellence:

This month the Council of Commissioners and Senior Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board would like to signal the following:

“Creating Cards, Connecting Communities” Laureate in Literacy Category

- St. Francis Elementary School:

Commissioner S. Finlay: A wonderful community-building initiative has earned well-deserved recognition. The “Creating Cards, Connecting Communities” project was recently announced as the winner in the Literary category, celebrating the meaningful connections created between students and seniors through the simple act of sharing handmade cards.

As part of the project, students partnered with the Senior Wellness Program to create fifty-eight (58) handmade Easter cards for residents of The Wales Home. The cards, filled with thoughtful messages and creativity, brought seasonal greetings and smiles to seniors while giving students an opportunity to connect with members of the wider community.

The award comes with a \$1,000 grant, which will support future projects and initiatives. To celebrate the achievement, organizers are considering a shared pizza picnic for both students and seniors, further strengthening the intergenerational bonds that made the project such a success.

Special recognition goes to Alice, whose dedication to Senior Wellness and the St. Francis community played an important role in bringing this initiative to life.

Through small gestures and caring connections, the project demonstrated how literacy, creativity and kindness can bring generations together—one card at a time.



The AGRHS Library: The Heart of the School Community

- Alexander Galt Regional High School:

Commissioner M. E. Kirby: The library at Alexander Galt Regional High School is much more than a place to borrow books. It is a vibrant learning environment, a welcoming gathering space and the heart of the school community. Students, staff, parents and visitors come together there to learn, connect, celebrate and support one another.

As a hub of school life, the library hosts a wide range of activities, including student leadership meetings, professional development sessions, art exhibitions, parent-teacher interviews and community events. It is also home to “The Bistro”, a safe and inclusive space where students can eat, socialize and feel a sense of belonging. During exam periods, the library becomes an oasis of calm, offering wellness activities, healthy snacks and quiet spaces to support student well-being.

Beyond supporting learning, the library enriches school culture through initiatives that promote perseverance, mental health, cultural awareness and community engagement. It has become a place where friendships are formed, achievements are celebrated and support is found during both joyful and challenging times.

The exceptional library that the Galt community enjoys today is a testament to the vision and dedication of Judith Munger, our librarian, who will be retiring at the end of the summer and who has devoted her time and passion to it for more than twenty years. Through her leadership and commitment to students, she transformed the library into a thriving community hub and a lasting symbol of inclusion, kindness and excellence. Her legacy will continue to inspire the Alexander Galt Regional High School community for years to come.



Celebrating 50 Years of Student Support

- Massey-Vanier High School:

Commissioner Jonathan Murray: This year marks a remarkable milestone as the bursary fund celebrates its 50th anniversary of helping students pursue their goals beyond graduation.

Thanks to an extraordinary community effort, 162 donors contributed more than \$134,000 in support of 79 graduating students as they prepare for the next chapter of their educational journeys. This achievement reflects not only the generosity of donors, but also the dedication of the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the campaign a success.

For five decades, the bursary fund has helped open doors and create opportunities for graduating students. This year's incredible level of support demonstrates the strength of a community that believes in investing in its young people and their futures.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to every volunteer and donor who contributed to this milestone year. Together, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of students and helping to build a brighter future for our community.



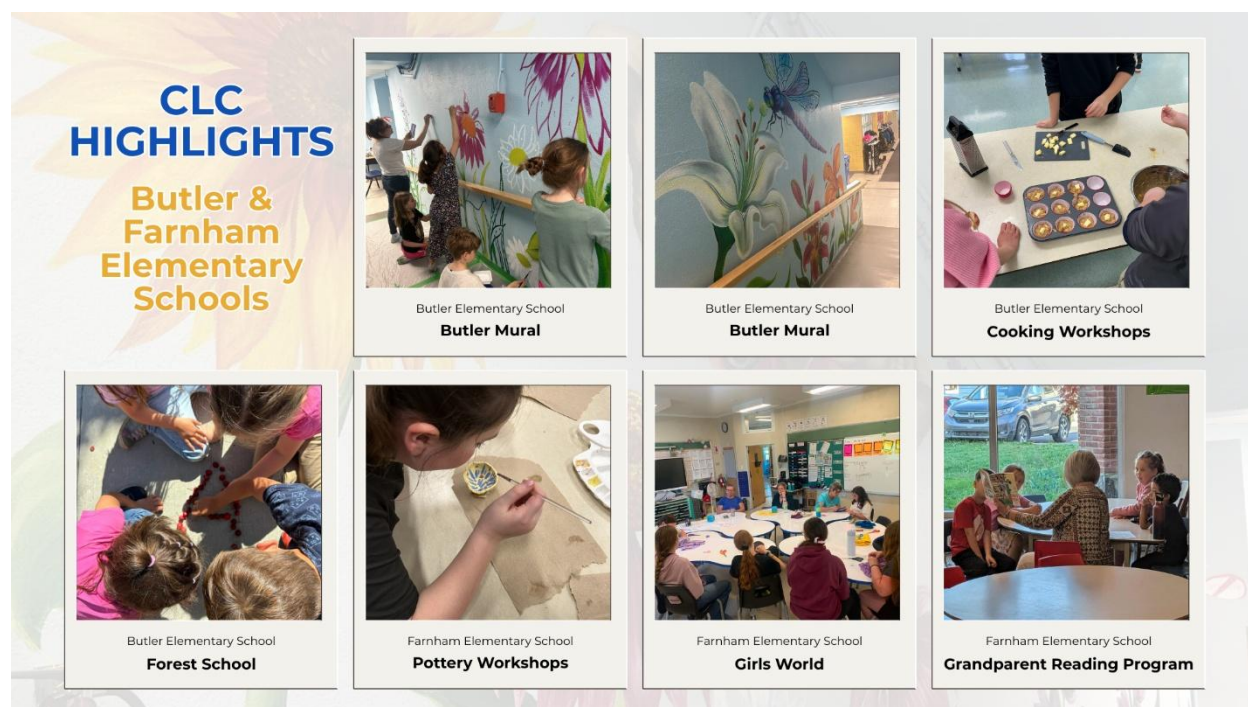
CLC Highlights for Butler & Farnham Elementary Schools

Chair M. Murray: At Butler and Farnham Elementary School, the following activities were organized for the students:

- ✓ Butler Mural: Butler had an artist come and work with students to paint a beautiful mural in their hallway area.
- ✓ Cooking Workshops: Butler received a \$5,898 grant to give a series of cooking workshops, a much-needed stove and cooking material. The goal was to showcase local food, healthy eating, as well as teaching basic cooking skills.
- ✓ Forest School: We love having our kindergarten students have the chance to learn in nature. This program ran for six weeks and served two classes at Butler.

- ✓ Pottery workshops: Farnham had an artist come in and do a series of pottery workshops with students. This was provided by the “ArtistsInspire” grant.
- ✓ Girls World: Farnham participated in the “Girls World” program given by Avantes women’s centre. They worked on sewing skills, another wonderful program with great community partners.
- ✓ Grandparent Reading Program: In partnership with Yamaska Literacy Council, Farnham participated in a four week-long grandparent reading program. Seniors come and read stories to small groups of students and have discussions. It is a wonderful intergenerational program.

These activities have enriched our students, schools and communities by creating meaningful artistic experiences and lasting connections through the arts.



ETSB Graduation Edition Continues to Celebrate Student Achievement

Commissioner G. Barnett: ETSB is proud of its [2025–2026 Graduation Edition](#), published in the Sherbrooke Record and Brome County News, showcasing this year’s graduates from Alexander Galt Regional High School, Massey-Vanier High School, Richmond Regional High School, Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre, Campus Brome-Missisquoi and Eastern Townships Adult General Education.

The special publication features graduates, heartfelt messages from family and friends, congratulations from local personalities and organizations, and inspiring messages from each school and centre director, making the publication a true celebration of student achievement and community pride.

The response from readers has been overwhelmingly positive. Since its inception in 2020, the Graduation Edition has become a cherished community tradition. Originally created during the COVID-19 pandemic when high schools were unable to produce traditional yearbooks, the publication filled an important gap in recognizing graduating students. Its popularity has grown year after year, and today, more than 5,000 copies are distributed throughout the region, while the online edition remains freely accessible to everyone.

The ETSB extends its sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's edition. Special thanks go to The Sherbrooke Record for its continued yearly support of this project, as well as to all participating schools and centres for their involvement in making this special edition possible.

ETSB Graduates of 2026

June 16, 2026

The Council of Commissioners of the Eastern Townships School Board congratulates the accomplishments of the 2026 graduates and sends its sincere best wishes as they step into the next chapter of their lives. May this achievement open the door to continued growth, new experiences, and many successes in the years ahead.

Le Conseil des commissaires de la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships félicite les élèves diplômés de 2026 pour leurs accomplissements et leur adresse ses meilleurs vœux alors qu'ils entament un nouveau chapitre de leur vie. Puisse cette réussite ouvrir la voie vers un épanouissement continu, de nouvelles expériences et de nombreuses réussites dans les années à venir.

**COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS 2025-2026
CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES 2025-2026**

Michael Murray (Chairman) Joy Humenuik (Vice-Chair) Cordon Barnett Claire Beaubien Sandra Finlay	Richard Gagnon Richard Gosselin Cary Holliday Shawn Jersey Mary-Ellen Kirby Jonathan Murray Helene Turgeon	Commissioners Representing Parents des parents du représentant Pamela Gougeon Sarah Langlois Eliza McKnight Jody Murray
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6. BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair of the School Board, M. Murray stated that the Evaluation Committee had completed the DG Evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year highlighting that the ETSB was lucky to have such a devoted DG.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's report

The Director General, K. Mackey reported the following:

A Healthy Organization Adapts

As we come to the end of the 2025-2026 school year, I have found myself reflecting on what has defined this year for us as an organization. One word continually comes to mind: adaptability.

A healthy organization is one that adapts to its environment, and this year certainly called upon us to do just that.

We began the school year with significant uncertainty surrounding government budgets and funding measures. We ended the year having adapted to a very different reality, one in which government measures have been reduced from 261 to 22. Like many school boards across Quebec, we have had to do/think differently and sometimes make difficult decisions while continuing to prioritize what matters most: our students.

In this context, I have been inspired by the creativity and ingenuity demonstrated across the ETSB. Rather than focusing on limitations, our teams have focused on possibilities. Structures, such as our Nurturing Support Centres and Professional Learning Communities, continue to demonstrate how we can better respond to student needs through collaboration, innovation and a shared commitment to student success. Time and again, I have witnessed colleagues learning from one another, supporting one another, and finding new ways forward together.

One of these new ways is Artificial Intelligence. This past year required us to adapt to this emerging reality. As AI rapidly transforms the world around us, our Reflection Day and ongoing conversations have allowed us to explore how we can integrate it as a tool in a safe, responsible and effective manner.

Throughout the year, we also adapted to new legislative requirements such as the implementation of a new Health & Safety structure, ensuring compliance while maintaining our commitment to safe and healthy learning and working environments. We expanded our Community Learning Centre multisite model to better respond to the unique needs of our communities. We navigated a cyberattack, strengthened our systems and continued moving forward. We underwent *CNESST* inspections and recognize that some of our long-standing practices will need to evolve as we continue building a culture of prevention, safety and continuous improvement.

Adaptability has also been evident in our advocacy efforts. With the announcement of Bill 8, we championed the importance of preserving opportunities and choice for adult learners. We have adapted to a changing governance landscape while remaining grounded in our values and our commitment to serving students, families and communities.

What is perhaps most remarkable is that while adapting to all these changes, we have remained focused on our Commitment-to-Success Plan. We have continued advancing our ETSB pillars, strengthening our practices and keeping student success and well-being at the centre of our work.

What a year it has been...

Through uncertainty, challenge, innovation and change, I have witnessed an organization that is strong, resilient and deeply caring. I have seen our staff adapt with creativity, commissioners adapt to a new governance model, parents continue to place their trust in us and students inspire us every day with their perseverance and potential.

A quote often attributed to Charles Darwin reminds us that: *"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."* This year has shown that adaptability is not merely a skill; it is a strength...we adapted beautifully - together. Thank you to all for making this happen.

Our ability to stand together as a community is especially meaningful during difficult times. As we conclude this school year, our thoughts are with those affected by the tragic events in Montreal on June 22. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims and our sincere gratitude to the first responders, police officers, healthcare professionals and all those who dedicate themselves to helping others. Their commitment reminds us of the strength, kindness and humanity that exist within our communities every day, proving that even in tragedy, life is precious.

With that spirit of community in mind, I wish everyone a safe, restful, and joyful summer. Happy *Saint-Jean-Baptiste* and Happy Canada Day to all who celebrate!

Your Director General,
Kandy Mackey

8.2 Chair's report

The Chair of the Council of Commissioners, M. Murray, reported the following:

I would like to take the time to thank the employees and I wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray mentioned that the topics discussed at the Executive meeting will also be addressed at tonight's Council of Commissioners.

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett invited the Secretary General, S. Champigny to present the following resolutions:

9.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-63**Deposit of Draft By-Laws and Launch of Public Consultation**

WHEREAS under the *Education Act* (CQLR, c. I-13.3), the School Board is empowered to adopt by-laws to govern its operations, administrative processes and student services;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to modernize and update its regulatory framework;

WHEREAS the following draft by-laws have been prepared and reviewed:

1. **Draft By-Law B017** – By-law to amend Meetings of the Council of Commissioners by-law;
2. **Draft By-Law B018** – By-law to amend Meetings of the Executive Committee by-law;
3. **Draft By-Law B019** – Delegation of Powers and Functions.

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 392 of the *Education Act*; a public notice must be given and a consultation period must be held before the final adoption of by-laws B017 and B018;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett that the Council of Commissioners accepts and adopts the following draft by-laws for consultation purposes; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Secretary General be authorized to launch the official public consultation process in compliance with the legal requirements of the *Education Act*.

Adopted unanimously

9.2.2 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-64**2026-2027 Committees' Structure**

WHEREAS section 193.1 of the Education Act (EA) requires that the Council of Commissioners must establish the following committees:

- ✓ a Governance and Ethics Committee;
- ✓ an Audit Committee; and
- ✓ a Human Resources Committee.

WHEREAS section 185 of the EA requires that every school board shall establish an Advisory Committee on services for handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities;

WHEREAS section 188 of the EA requires that every school board which provides student transportation shall establish an Advisory Committee on Transportation. The composition, operation and functions of which shall meet the norms established by government regulation;

WHEREAS section 193.1 of the EA stipulates that the Council of Commissioners may establish other committees to assist it in the exercise of its functions or the examination of specific matters;

WHEREAS following discussions, the Eastern Townships School Board wants some additional committees;

WHEREAS each of these committees will have a Chairperson;

WHEREAS the Chairs for the advisory committees are established as below, effective July 1st 2026:

Name of commissioner	Title
Michael Murray	Chair of the School Board Chair - Adult Sector Advisory Committee
Joy Humenuik	Chair - Audit Advisory Committee Chair - Committee of the Whole
Jody Murray	Chair - Communications Advisory Committee
Mary Ellen Kirby	Chair - Educational Services Advisory Committee
Gordon Barnett	Chair - Governance and Ethics Advisory Committee
Claire Beaubien	Chair - Human Resources Advisory Committee
Helene Turgeon	Chair - Transportation Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the above structure be established as the 2026-2027 Advisory Committee Structure as of July 1st 2026

Adopted unanimously

The Chair also mentioned the topics discussed at the June 16, 2026 meeting:

- ☐ Advisory Committee Reports:
 - ✓ Audit – presented by J. Humenuik;
 - ✓ Communication - presented by Jody Murray.
- ☐ 2026-2027 Advisory Committees;
- ☐ Bill 8, *An Act to regulate the language of instruction in vocational training and in adult general education*;
- ☐ SAE – Estrie;
- ☐ Administrative Appointments;
- ☐ 2025-2026 Advisory Committee Changes;
- ☐ By-Laws Consultation Process.

The date of the next meeting is **to be determined**.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

In the absence of the Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, Commissioner J. Humenuik, the Director of Finance, S. Leduc presented the following resolutions:

9.3.1 Finance

9.3.1.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-65

Interest Rate on Overdue Taxes and Overdue Receivables

WHEREAS Section 316 of the *Education Act* requires that school boards establish an interest rate on overdue school taxes;

WHEREAS school boards should also establish the interest rate for other overdue receivables;

WHEREAS the interest rate per annum will be clearly identified on the tax bills and other invoices;

WHEREAS according to Section 42 of the Act to establish a single school tax rate adopted in April 2019, the Minister must mention in the *Gazette Officielle*, the applicable interest rate;

WHEREAS the 2026-2027 interest rate of 7% was published in the *Gazette Officielle* on June 13th 2026;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the Eastern Townships School Board adopts the prescribed rate on overdue tax accounts and other overdue receivables as per the rates published annually in the *Gazette Officielle*.

Adopted unanimously

9.3.1.2 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-66

2026-2027 Schools/Centres Budgets

WHEREAS Section 276 of the Education Act states that every school board is responsible for approving the budgets of their schools, vocational training centres and adult education centre;

WHEREAS it is necessary to ratify the budgets attached;

WHEREAS the governing boards of all Schools and Centres have adopted their school/centre budgets for 2026-2027;

WHEREAS the school/centre budgets for 2026-2027 have been presented and analyzed at the Audit Advisory Committee meeting of June 22, 2026;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee recommends the ratification of the school/centre budgets for 2026-2027;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Murray that the Council of Commissioners ratify the budget of each school/centre for 2026-2027.

Adopted unanimously

9.3.1.3 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-67**RARC Assessment Report on the Risk of Management Plan Concerning the Risks of Corruption and Collusion in Contract Management Processes**

WHEREAS The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) is responsible for acquiring, in the most transparent, effective and efficient manner possible, the goods and services required to fulfil its mission;

WHEREAS on June 14, 2016, the *Conseil du trésor* adopted the *Directive Concernant la gestion des risques en matière de corruption et de collusion dans les processus de gestion contractuelle* (hereinafter, the “*Directive*”);

WHEREAS the *Directive* came into effect on September 1st 2016, and was enacted under Section 26 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (CQLR, c. C-65.1);

WHEREAS in accordance to the *Directive*, ETSB has adopted an organizational framework to manage the risks of corruption and collusion in the contract management process (hereinafter, the “Organizational Framework”);

WHEREAS the ETSB is implementing a one-year risk management plan on corruption and collusion for public contracts. The plan includes the organizational context, appraisal of the current situation, the desired situation establishing a risk mitigation measures plan, a follow-up monitoring & reviewing the measures implemented;

WHEREAS the ETSB has assessed the 2025-2026 action plan, reviewed the measures implemented and presented its results to the audit committee;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner P. Gougeon that the Assessment report on Risk Management Plan Concerning the Risks of Corruption and Collusion in Contract Management Processes be received as tabled.

Adopted unanimously

9.3.1.4 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-68**Yearly Action Plan Managing Risk of Corruption and Collusion in the Contract Management Process**

WHEREAS The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) is responsible for acquiring, in the most transparent, effective and efficient manner possible, the goods and services required to fulfil its mission.

WHEREAS the ETSB is committed to applying best practices in compliance to its internal Purchasing Policy and to governmental laws and policies applicable to the contract management process for public bodies;

WHEREAS on June 14, 2016, the *Conseil du trésor* adopted the *Directive Concernant la gestion des risques en matière de corruption et de collusion dans les processus de gestion contractuelle* (hereinafter, the “*Directive*”);

WHEREAS the *Directive* came into effect on September 1st 2016, and was enacted under Section 26 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (CQLR, c. C-65.1);

WHEREAS in accordance to the *Directive*, ETSB is required to adopt an organizational framework to manage the risks of corruption and collusion in the contract management process (hereinafter, the “*Organizational Framework*”);

WHEREAS the ETSB must implement a yearly corruption and collusion risk management action plan for public contracts. The plan must include the organizational context, appraisal of the current situation, the desired situation establishing a risk mitigation measures plan, a follow-up monitoring & reviewing the measures implemented;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner P. Gougeon to adopt the annual action plan. **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General and/or the Director of Finance be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Adopted unanimously

Question from Commissioner Jody Murray: Are there any adjustments to the plan?

Director of Finance S. Leduc answered: Years ago, there was a robust plan. This year, there is a revision of some By-Laws to adjust to the new laws and realities. Also, we are looking into why people retrieve projects, SEA0, but did not place a bid.

9.3.1.5 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-69

Contracts to Public Bodies – Annual Rendering of Accounts

WHEREAS on December 7, 2012, the National Assembly adopted Bill 1 – *Integrity in Public Contracts Act*;

WHEREAS in accordance with this law, the Treasury Board decreed the *Directive concernant la reddition de comptes en gestion contractuelle des organismes publics* (hereinafter referred to as the « *Directive* »), which came into force on April 1st 2013 and applies particularly to school boards;

WHEREAS the *Directive* outlines all cases of rendering of accounts and standardizes the content and the type of information to be transmitted to the Secretariat of the Treasury Board;

WHEREAS the requirements provided under this *Directive* are from the *Loi sur les contrats des organismes publics (LCOP)*, which aims to promote the rendering of accounts based on the accountability of chief executive officers of public bodies and on the appropriate use of public funds;

WHEREAS according to the requirements outlined in the *Directive*, the School Board is required to render an account of its contractual activities during the period from April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026;

WHEREAS the *Directive* stipulates that the chief executive officer of the public body must attest, on an annual basis, to the reliability of the data and controls related to contracts by using the form presented at the Audit Advisory Committee on June 9, 2026;

WHEREAS at Eastern Townships School Board, the duties of the executive officer of the public body for which an account must be rendered rest with the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners must render account for the authorizations it gave during the period from April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026;

WHEREAS all contracting activities have been performed by the appropriate school board administrators and respecting the *LCOP* to the best of their judgment and abilities within the resources available;

IT IS MOVED BY Commissioner H. Turgeon, seconded by Commissioner P. Gougeon that Eastern Townships School Board: **ADOPT** the declaration of the executive officer of the public body attesting to the reliability of the data and management controls as appended to this resolution, in accordance with the template proposed by the Secretariat of the Treasury Board:

1. “This declaration is made by the executive officer of the public body in a context where all contracting activities have been performed by the appropriate administrators while respecting the *LCOP* to the best of their judgment and abilities and within the limits of the resources available.”
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Chairman of the School Board to sign the declaration of the executive officer of the public body (appendix 3) and any other document required to respect the requirements of the rendering of accounts as provided for in the *Directive*;
3. **TRANSMIT**, no later than June 30, 2026 all the required documents to the Secretariat of the Treasury Board so as to respect the requirement to render account as stipulated in the *Directive*.

Adopted unanimously

In the absence of the Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, Commissioner J. Humenuik, the Director of Material Resources, E. Plante, presented the following resolution:

9.3.2 Material Resources

9.3.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-70

St. Francis Elementary School – Addition of a new elevator and repair of various sectors

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget for the project stated above, under the program *RDE – Résorption du déficit 2018-2019 Mesure: 50622*;

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2023-2024 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2025-2026 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS five (5) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the project will sustainably improve the school's accessibility, safety and functionality through the addition of an elevator, relocation of the cafeteria, new individual washrooms and the relocation of administrative offices;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$3,915,160 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Procova Inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *ADSP Inc.* has recommended the company *Procova Inc.* the lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work for the amount of \$5,239,429 including taxes and professional fees;

WHEREAS all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *RTB – Réfection et Transformation des Bâtiments 2025-2026 Mesure: 50624*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Finlay to proceed with the work for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Material Resources can also sign.

Adopted unanimously

The date of the next Audit Advisory Committee is **to be determined**.

9.4 Educational Advisory Committee (ESAC)

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, Commissioner M.E. Kirby presented the following resolution:

9.4.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-71

Reimbursement of Expenses to LCEEQ – Provincial Mathematics Transition Project

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) entered into an agreement with the *Direction du soutien au réseau éducatif anglophone (DSREA)* of the *ministère de l'Éducation* under Agreement BC #350054190;

WHEREAS the purpose of this agreement was to develop pedagogical practices among mathematics teachers in the English educational network that foster improved learning outcomes for students transitioning from elementary to secondary school while supporting the development of critical thinking skills;

WHEREAS professional development activities associated with this project were held at *Hôtel Estrimont* on October 8 and 9, 2025, and on February 24 and 25, 2026, bringing together mathematics teachers from participating English school boards to engage in professional learning focused on supporting student transition from elementary to secondary school and strengthening critical thinking through effective pedagogical practices;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education allocated an amount of \$235,058 to the ETSB to coordinate and implement this provincial project;

WHEREAS six English school boards participated in this provincial initiative, with the ETSB serving as the lead school board;

WHEREAS a portion of the funding was designated to cover the costs associated with:

- participant registration management;
- hotel room reservations;
- participant meals;
- travel expenses for participants travelling more than a 250-kilometre round trip;
- meeting room rentals and audiovisual and technical services;
- speakers' honoraria;
- materials required for the professional learning sessions; and
- the development and administration of a participant survey.

WHEREAS the Leadership Committee on English Education in Québec (LCEEQ) assumed responsibility for organizing these elements of the project and paid the associated expenses in advance;

WHEREAS the total amount advanced by LCEEQ for these project expenses is \$141,113.27;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. E. Kirby to authorize the Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services to reimburse the Leadership Committee on English Education in Québec (LCEEQ) in the amount of \$141,113.27 for expenses incurred on behalf of the Mathematics Transition Project funded through Agreement BC #350054190.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services can also sign.

Adopted with one abstention by Jody Murray

9.4.2 Resolution No. ETSB 26-06-72**Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) – Policy on Safe and Caring Schools and Centres**

WHEREAS the current Safe School Policy has been in effect since July 3, 2007;

WHEREAS the *Act to prevent and stop bullying and violence in schools*, passed in 2012, brought obligations that should be integrated in the Safe School Policy;

WHEREAS the Policy on Safe and Caring Schools and Centres has been reviewed according to the Procedure for the Development of Board Policies and By-Laws;

WHEREAS the Policy on Safe and Caring Schools and Centres went through the consultation process between April 24, 2026 and May 22, 2026;

WHEREAS the comments of the consultation process have been brought to the Education Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) for review on June 22, 2026;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. E. Kirby to adopt the Policy on Safe and Caring Schools and Centres effective June 23, 2026; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that this Policy will amend the current Safe School Policy (P035).

Adopted unanimously

The date of the next ESAC meeting is **to be determined**.

9.5 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, Commissioner Jody Murray mentioned the topics discussed at the June 9, 2026 meeting:

- ☐ General Assemblies – Importance of parent participation (support material);
- ☐ Recognition of Excellence;
- ☐ Tax inserts;
- ☐ Website update;
- ☐ Review of communications policies – Consultation in the fall;
- ☐ *ClicÉcole*.

The date of the next CAC meeting is **to be determined**.

9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, Commissioner C. Beaubien mentioned that the date of the next meeting is **to be determined**.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner H. Turgeon mentioned that the date of the next TAC meeting is **to be determined**.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The SEAC Chair and Parent Commissioner, E. McKnight mentioned that the date of the next SEAC meeting is **to be determined**.

10. PARENTS' COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Vice-Chair of the Central Parents' Advisory Committee, Commissioner S. Langlois, Commissioner Jody Murray presented the topics discussed at the June 3, 2026 meeting:

- ☐ Exchange with the DG and Chairman of the school board;
- ☐ Elections in September.

The date of the next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2026.

11. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Director General, K. Mackey, representing the Student Advisory Committee reported that SAC student members had met with ETSB Commissioners in May.

12. QESBA

- ☐ Phase of consolidation and housekeeping;
- ☐ Discussions on Bill 8: Surprised on the degree of responses by the population;
- ☐ First two cohorts of the program: 1 year certification – has wrapped up at Concordia University and was a success;
- ☐ 31 people concluded their certificate and are now certified. Two cohorts are planned for the next year.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner M. E. Kirby:

Pope Memorial Elementary School

Lunch Time served over 3,000 meals to students and staff this school year. A number that does not include 2^{nds}, 3^{rds}, 4^{ths} and sometimes 5^{ths} servings! We were also able to host healthier alternative themed baking workshops for each class. We feel this year was a success and hope you do as well.

We would like to thank all of our partners whose contributions make our service all the more possible. The Municipality of Bury for the continued use of their kitchen and allowing us to be present at their Christmas Market event. The use of your space

and ovens gave us the freedom to serve meals that involved heavy prep work. Ms. Sabrina Patry, who has continually encouraged us through her coordinator with the Municipality.

To *Le Continuum Haut-Saint-François* and Virgin Mady, as their contributions allowed us to host baking activities for the students. To the Cookshire IGA, who has been an instrumental partner throughout the year providing several donations of meat.

Also, thank you to the ETSB for showcasing Lunch Time on their Facebook page for National Volunteer Week.

To Ms. Rebecca Klinck, for leading the way in including us in the Sherbrooke Record and school bulletin, and for considering us when planning different school events.

Thank you to all the anonymous donors throughout the year. And thank you to all the parents, staff and students at Pope Memorial.

To Brenda-Lee Dempsey, for ensuring all cash payments made their way to us.

To the Buildings and Grounds Team (BG), for asking our input and considering our needs for the upcoming renovations of the kitchen this summer.

Have a great summer and see you in September!

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:11 p.m.

Shawn Champigny
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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